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Mr. James C. Bierer, Chair
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board
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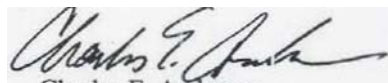
Dear Mr. Bierer:

This is in response to your June 22, 2005, letter to Secretary Bodman providing recommendations for the Department of Energy (DOE). While your recommendations are outside the scope of the Charter of the Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Boards, I appreciate your kind words about EM's public participation and the concern that underlies your recommendations.

The Office of Legacy Management (LM) has been directed by Congress to implement Local Stakeholder Organizations at two sites (Fernald and Rocky Flats) where EM currently has Advisory Boards. LM staff has been participating in the Advisory Board meetings for the last 12 months and will continue to do so until EM dissolves these boards. LM has also distributed draft Public Involvement Plans for review and comment. Those plans will define how LM conducts public participation in the future. I am forwarding your recommendations to LM for their consideration by copy of this letter.

Please be assured that we are working with the appropriate personnel on transition issues and will keep your concerns in mind. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director, Internal/External Coordination, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,



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